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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of an office action mailed March 25, 2008 in connection with a corresponding Japanese application, an English translation thereof and a copy of the document listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08A for the Examiner's consideration.

Regarding JP S60-46201, the Japanese Examiner simply states that it discloses recognition of positional relationship between the blade 16 and a mark 31 by using mirrors 37, 38. An English translation of the Japanese office action is attached.

In JP S60-46201, the mirrors 37 and 38 are attached at a front end of a base 27. However, the JP reference does not pertain to a miter saw, and therefore, a fence is not provided. Therefore, the JP reference does not disclose "a mirror

provided at a position in confrontation with the surface of the fence for reflecting the projected line which is projected on the side of the workpiece which is in abutting contact with the abutment surface of the fence”.

JP S60-46201 pertains to a portable circular saw whose base 27 is mounted on a workpiece and is slidingly moved thereover. The portable circular saw is not used for cutting a workpiece having irregular thickness. No technical task is required in such portable saw such that a marked line formed on a side of the workpiece in abutting contact with the fence and a projected line are to be observed.

Further, at the left lower column on page 2 of JP S60-46201, it is disclosed that “two mirrors 37, 38 for reflecting the blade 16 and the mark 31 are attached to the front position of the support plate 27, so that positions of the blade 16 and the mark 31 can be recognized without looking inside the blade tip 13 and the mark 31.” However, no positive description can found as to how the position of the mark can be recognized by these mirrors, and therefore, it is technically unclear.

It is requested that the Examiner consider this document citation.

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